

---

**SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.**

**Mount Auburn Cemetery.**

**JANUARY 1, 1907.**

---



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
Cemetery of Mount Auburn  
FOR 1906.



TOGETHER WITH  
THE REPORTS  
OF THE  
TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR.

BOSTON:

THOMAS GROOM & CO. (INC.), STATIONERS,  
No. 105 STATE STREET.  
1907.

## OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION FOR 1906.

Trustees.				
FRANCIS C. FOSTER	-	-	-	<i>Term expires in</i> 1907
THOMAS P. BEAL	-	-	-	" " 1907
CHARLES F. CHOATE	-	-	-	" " 1908
FRANKLIN W. HOBBS	-	-	-	" " 1908
DAVID W. CHEEVER	-	-	-	" " 1909
DAVID R. WHITNEY	-	-	-	" " 1909
JEROME JONES	-	-	-	" " 1910
EDWARD W. HUTCHINS	-	-	-	" " 1910
ALFRED HEMENWAY	-	-	-	" " 1911
JOSEPH B. RUSSELL	-	-	-	" " 1911
CHARLES H. WATSON	-	-	-	" " 1912
PRENTISS CUMMINGS	-	-	-	" " 1912

**President**

PRENTISS CUMMINGS

### Treasurer

JOHN L. DILL

**Secretary**

LEWIS G. FARMER

**Superintendent.**

JAMES C. SCORGIE.

#### Offices of the Corporation.

ROOMS 601, 602 and 603,  
SEARS BUILDING,  
BOSTON.

TELEPHONE, 3662 MAIN.

**Office of the Superintendent.**

AT THE CEMETERY,  
P. O. ADDRESS  
CAMBRIDGE MASS

## SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

---

The Trustees submit to the proprietors this their seventy-fifth annual report, and annex thereto the reports of the Treasurer and Superintendent.

The routine business of the corporation since the last report has proceeded much as usual, and successfully; and in all material ways the corporation has had a prosperous year. The sale of lots, which for the two years last past had fallen off materially, nearly doubled during the past year, and the proceeds thereof have amounted to \$14,575.

The Repair Fund now amounts to \$1,455,821.92, having made the gratifying increase during the year 1906 of \$64,740.71. This fund is virtually a trust fund to be expended in care of lots under perpetual care contracts, and the surplus, if any, can only be applied to improvements and adornments of the cemetery grounds, and its paths and roadways.

The Permanent Fund has gained during the year \$15,963.33, and now amounts to \$506,094.98. This fund is to provide for expenses after receipts from the sale of lots have ceased.

The General Fund shows an increase during the year of \$7,497.58, and now amounts to \$229,892.63. "This is the active fund from which all expenses for construction and renewal of buildings, fences, shops, stables, and improvements for the preservation and ornamentation of the cemetery of every kind must be defrayed."

These funds are all well invested, and, with the probable increase, are believed to be adequate to meet the demands for which they were established; but with the steady increase in the cost of labor and ma-

terials, and the steady diminution of the rate of interest, they are not likely to afford an income in excess of what will be required to maintain the cemetery in a way to meet the wishes of the proprietors.

The expenses incident to destruction of the gipsy and brown-tail moth have amounted to \$3,641.50, which is considerably in excess of the amount used last year. This is not only required by law, but absolutely necessary to maintain the beauty of the cemetery; and, while the work done was expensive, it is a satisfaction to add that it was also effective.

During the past year more than the usual sums have been expended for permanent improvements of the grounds, and in facilities for keeping them in order. The most considerable item was about \$3,500 for laying a deep drain necessary to take care of the water on an area of considerable extent in the westerly part of the cemetery. This area has no sufficient water-shed, and as a result, when the ground was frozen, a heavy rain caused water to stand not only over the roadways but over cemetery lots. Deeming such a state of things intolerable, the trustees have caused a large pipe drain to be laid with suitable catch-basins, carrying the water under Tower Hill to the main drain of the cemetery, and eventually into Charles River. The heavy rains on frozen ground during December gave an admirable test of its efficacy, and it was found to perform its office perfectly. Other permanent improvements are contemplated during the coming year.

Dr. Cheever's resignation as member of the Board of Trustees was presented at the January meeting, and accepted with regret; and it was voted that the following tribute be entered in the records of the meeting, and included in the annual report:

“Dr. David W. Cheever was elected Trustee of the Corporation in 1895, succeeding Dr. Richard M. Hodges. He therefore has served the Corporation for twelve years, and his services have been faithful and valuable. Not only have his opinions been much deferred to in all matters relating to the public health, but to all business questions he brought a ripe judgment and sense of

responsibility that won the respect of his associates. He was unremitting in attendance at meetings of the Board, was independent and outspoken without discourtesy, and was considerate of corporate interests without forgetting what is due the public; and the Board keenly regrets the loss of one who so long has proved himself a prudent adviser and faithful friend. ”

For further details as to the finances and business of the corporation, reference may be made to the reports of the Treasurer and Superintendent hereto annexed.

For the Board of Trustees,

PRENTISS CUMMINGS,

*President.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash balance from preceding year .....	\$29,583.18
He has received from sundry parties —	
For sale of lots .....	\$14,575.00
" labor and materials on lots .....	60,873.66
" deposits in receiving tomb .....	<u>889.75</u>
	76,338.41
For deeds and transfers .....	\$ 194.00
" interest on loans, etc. ....	9,314.42
" City of Burlington bonds .....	<u>10,000.00</u>
	19,508.42
From Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Co.	
on account of income on Permanent Fund ..	\$8,000.00
From Massachusetts Horticultural Society for one-	
quarter of expenditure grading new land for	
sale .....	118.80
Premiums retired .....	498.28

\$134,047.09

24.1.33

John B. W.

## FOR THE SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR, 1906.

## EXPENDITURES.

He has paid sundry parties —

For labor (pay roll) .....	\$42,107.42
“ materials .....	17,135.78
“ repairs, buildings and fences .....	1,413.22
“ receiving tomb drawbacks .....	36.00
“ graves repurchased .....	40.00
	<hr/>
	\$60,732.42

For expenses —

For salaries .....	\$12,437.50
“ office expenses .....	5,479.13
“ taxes on real estate .....	1,726.80
“ insurance .....	34.12
	<hr/>
	19,677.55

For City of Lynn bonds .....	\$10,000.00
“ “ “ New Bedford bonds .....	10,000.00
“ premiums on bonds .....	307.00
“ account interest on bonds .....	89.44
	<hr/>
	20,396.44

Massachusetts Horticultural Society for its proportion of sales .....	\$ 3,497.19
---	-------------

Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company for account Permanent Fund .....	4,462.67
--	----------

Balance in hands of Treasurer .....	7,959.86
	25,280.82
	<hr/>
	\$134,047.09

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE REPAIR FUND.

Balance in hands of Treasurer as per last report \$ 86,167.89

He has received—

From notes receivable.....	\$150,600.00
“ endowments .....	43,476.00
“ income of investments.....	53,795.86
“ Boston & Winthrop Shore Railroad bonds..	5,000.00
“ premiums retired .....	981.80
	<hr/>
	253,853.66
	<hr/>
	\$340,021.55
	<hr/>

He has paid for said account—

For care and improvement of lots.....	\$29,724.56
“ notes receivable secured by mortgage.....	64,000.00
“ N. Y. N. H. & Hartford Railroad bonds ..	10,000.00
“ City of St. Paul bonds.....	20,000.00
“ Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad bonds	20,000.00
“ City of Newton bonds.....	10,000.00
“ City of Providence bonds.....	30,000.00
“ Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad bonds	9,350.00
“ Pennsylvania Company bonds.....	40,000.00
“ Fremont, Elk. & Miss. Valley Railroad bonds	15,000.00
“ New York Central Railroad bonds.....	9,900.00
“ Boston & Maine Railroad bonds.....	25,000.00
“ City of New York bonds.....	10,000.00
“ Northern Pacific, Great Nor. joint bonds....	9,846.70
“ premium on bonds.....	13,162.50
“ accrued interest on bonds.....	776.59
“ perpetual care of grass on graves repurchased..	30.00
	<hr/>
	\$316,790.85
Balance in hands of Treasurer .....	23,231.20
	<hr/>
	\$340,021.55
	<hr/>

**REPAIR FUND.**

Endowment for perpetual care of lots, as per last report .....	\$1,391,081.21
Additions during the year.....	<u>64,740.71</u>
	<u><u>\$1,455,821.92</u></u>

Invested as follows —

Notes receivable secured by mortgage.....	\$710,120.00
Railroad bonds .....	455,920.20
Municipal bonds .....	220,000.00
Other bonds .....	20,000.00
Unretired premiums on bonds .....	26,550.52
Cash in hands of Treasurer .....	23,231.20
	<u><u>\$1,455,821.92</u></u>

**GENERAL FUND.****CASH ASSETS.**

Cash in hands of Treasurer .....	\$25,280.82
Notes receivable, secured by mortgage.....	40,846.32
Municipal bonds .....	55,000.00
Railroad bonds .....	39,425.00
Other bonds .....	59,925.00
Premiums on bonds, unretired .....	1,767.81
Bills for labor and material uncol- lected .....	\$9,342.63
Less due sundry persons for labor and materials: .....	<u>1,694.95</u>
	<u>7,647.68</u>
	<u><u>\$229,892.63</u></u>

**PERMANENT FUND.**

Deposited with Massachusetts Hospital Life Insur- ance Co. as per last report.....	\$490,131.65
Deposited in December, 1905 .....	4,462.67
Interest.....	\$19,500.66
Less transferred to General Fund .....	<u>8,000.00</u>
	<u>11,500.66</u>
	<u><u>\$506,094.98</u></u>

**THE OTHER PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION.**

Consists of nearly 136 acres of cemetery grounds, with avenues and paths, water-works for the supply of fountains and watering purposes, and underground pipes and drains, new chapel, office buildings and statuary, old chapel remodeled for crematory, observatory, receiving tomb, gateway and other structures, reception house and 5,620 feet of land on Mt. Auburn Street, Superintendent's house, greenhouses, and 59,936 feet between Brattle and Mount Auburn Streets, the Coolidge Lot on Grove Street, containing about six acres, the Bird Lot on Swain and Cottage Streets, containing about 44,000 square feet, and the Stone meadow on the east side of Coolidge Avenue, containing about five acres, on which are located the stables and other buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. DILL,  
*Treasurer.*

BOSTON, December 31, 1906.

---

This certifies that the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn for the year nineteen hundred and six have been examined by Mr. Gerald Wyman, professional accountant, who has reported that he found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments; property in value and kind to agree with the accounts of the Treasurer was exhibited to and examined by him, and he also certifies that in the general account there is a cash balance of \$25,280.82 and in the fund for repairs of \$23,231.20.

CHARLES H. WATSON,  
THOMAS P. BEAL,

*Committee on Finance.*

JANUARY 2, 1907.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

*To the Trustees of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn:—*

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Report of the Superintendent for the year ending December 31, 1906.

## IMPROVEMENTS.

Number of new lots graded and bounded with granite posts.....	42
“ old lots improved by being graded and sodded .....	49
“ old lots bounded with granite posts.....	11
“ lots furnished with granite numbers.....	61
“ headstones erected .....	298
“ monuments erected .....	55
“ catch basins built .....	6
“ lineal feet of concrete paths built.....	144
“ tombs removed .....	2
“ iron fences removed .....	10
“ granite curbings removed .....	9

## INTERMENT RECORD.

Total number of interments, as per last report .....	35,737
Number of original interments for the year ending Dec. 31, 1906, .....	433
“ “ removals from other cemeteries .....	21
Total number of interments for the year .....	454
“ “ “ in cemetery .....	36,191
Of the above there were deposited in the receiving tomb .....	22
“ “ “ interments in public lots .....	12

## THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY WERE AS FOLLOWS:—

To public lots .....	0
To private lots .....	20
Total removals within the cemetery .....	20
“ “ from the cemetery .....	18
Total number of removals .....	38

## CREMATION RECORD.

Total number of incinerations, as per last report .....	819
Number of incinerations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1906, .....	162
Total .....	981

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. SCORGIE,

*Supt. of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.*

SUPT'S OFFICE, December 31, 1906.

PHOTOGRAPH OF  
SIGNATURES TO ORIGINAL ACT OF INCORPORATION

The subscribers, being Proprietors of lots in the  
Cemetery of Mount Auburn, hereby signify  
their assent to the Act of the Legislature passed  
the thirty first day of March A.D. 1835, entitled  
an act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Cemetery of  
Mount Auburn. — Dated April 21, 1835

John P. Thompson Benjamin F. White J. M. Davis  
Caleb Curtis John Barnard Joseph Doty  
Henry Hans Abel Adams Isaac Parker  
Nath G. Shaw Sam'l Whitehill  
Richard Fletcher John Hinman George Bigelow  
Job Cook J. F. Williams Charles Tappan  
Robert Parker John C. Brown  
W. B. Grant Wm. C. Curtis Charles P. Curtis  
Samuel F. Cushing Thomas Davis Wm. Lawrence  
Eliza Wastell Wm. Pink John C. Gray  
Our Sonnag Edward Hall Sam'l Appleton  
Henry S. Fuller Wm. L. Buckingham Sam'l Hall  
James Bayley Chas. Worcester D. A. Gould  
Nedrick Adams Wm. C. Davis George Bond  
Walter Thompson Jas. T. Day W. A. Baldwin  
Charles G. Shaw Wm. Barbey Henry C. Brown  
Eliza Cobb John Hinman W. B. Waters W. B. Waters  
K. W. Mayley Henry Edwards Amos Lawrence  
W. Weston John Tappan Abbot Durkee  
Henry B. Stone W. W. Stone  
Henry B. Stone Henry Rice  
Henry B. Stone Sam'ly

Isaac Staples	W. Lawrence	John W. Remond
Joseph P. Bradley.	Dennis Brigham	Henry Newell
Thomas Curtis	B. Fisher	Ogden Chase
Levi Brigham	Amos Birney	James W. Collier
John C. Collier	Sam. Flagg	Joseph Henry
James C. Collier	John Fisher 2 <sup>nd</sup>	P. B. St. John
Geo. W. Frost	Horace Seward	W. D. Brewster
W. H. French	Wm. P. Walker	Henry C. Brainerd
W. H. French	George White	Henry Cony
Peter Parker	James McCay	Henry Daniels
W. H. French	John H. Wilson	W. M. Garrison
Peter Parker	Zelma Hosmer	Abolition by Other City
W. H. French	Thomas Wales	J. Bender
Isaac H. Allen	Thomas May	Nathaniel Hobart
W. H. French	John B. Adams	Providence
W. H. French	Wm. H. Phillips	Gov. Martin
W. H. French	Samuel E. Western	John D. Hooker
W. H. French	Geo. Donisthorpe	Geo. W. Coggin
W. H. French	John R. Lombard	A. H. Everett
W. H. French	Decy Brewster	W. E. Bissell
W. H. French	D. A. Webb	agent for Abolition of Human Slavery
W. H. French	Walter H. Smith	Thomas B. Cushing
W. H. French	William F. Garrison	John C. Frémont
W. H. French	Enoch Hobart	George H. C. Carey
W. H. French	W. Ward	J. B. Goddard
W. H. French	Sam'l Sweet	Alpheus Farley
W. H. French	M. Randall	Wright B. Pease
W. H. French		Wm. Atkinson
W. H. French		W. D. Daniels
W. H. French		George W. Lewis

Clark Patterson Nat. manufg  
 Samuel Gleason P. to Books to  
 Mrs. Eager Ig. Targant  
 Josiah Bradlee Co. A. Lamb  
 St. Shurtleff pr. of Arsey  
 W. Simmons Joseph Whiting  
 Charles Wells James Brown  
 Abraham Ball Isaac Williams  
 George Adams Elizur Miller  
 John Lyon Warren Colton  
 E. A. Train Lowell Weston  
 Erich Train Edward Reynolds Jr.  
 by Jas. Bain after James Davis  
 James Stevens Daniel L. Pease  
 J. D. Everett B. O. French  
 Henry Parker Josiah Daniels  
 Freeman Fisher Charles Hobday  
 Vining & Mrs. Socia B. West H. Winsor Sawyer  
 Isaac Raymond Alexander Wadsworth  
 Nath. W. Chipley  
 W. M. T. Wadsworth  
 Francis Parker J. P. Pease  
 In W. Book Jr. Pease  
 David Woodman  
 Gardner  
 J. Appleton  
 H. S. Baker James Gould  
 David Parker Joseph Stewart  
 Francis Low Thomas Hastings  
 David Clarke  
 Edward C. Raymond  
 Josiah P. Cooke  
 Francis Gray & Plastic  
 Sam. Greenleaf by C. L. Clinton  
 Daniel Parkman  
 Joseph Justerman  
 Daniel L. Pease  
 Denis Francis  
 Sarah M. Jones  
 Abel Kendall Jr.  
 Robert Great Bain  
 James Townsend  
 E. M. Richardson  
 Edwin Stevens  
 William J. Whipple  
 H. Winsor Sawyer  
 J. P. Townsend  
 James A. Smith  
 Edward Morris  
 James A. Dickson  
 Charles William Taylor  
 George Hicks  
 William Adams  
 Thos. Raymond  
 Henry Winsor  
 J. G. B. Abbot  
 H. Robinson by Plastic  
 Francis L. Francis  
 R. A. Ballou

W  
The Whittemore  
Subscription

James Moors

The Brewer

James S. Scott

John & Son

Lionard Stone

David Woodman

W.H. Smith

John Whittemore

Francis Winslow

S.W. Hollenbeck

A. H. 8 story by John Whittemore

William Weston Esq<sup>r</sup> & the State of the St. Tracy

W. Rogers Kendall

Samuel Walker

Cherry Newhall

Levi Thaxter

Martin Smith

Benjamin Pease

Rev<sup>r</sup> Young

Henry Blaney

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

W. Hollenbeck, on the twenty-first day of April A.D. eighteen  
hundred & thirty-five, personally appeared Charles  
J. Curtis and made oath that he would faithfully  
discharge the duties of Secretary of the Corporation  
called the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn  
for the time being Justice of the

## PERPETUAL REPAIR OF LOTS.

It is provided by Article VIII of the By-Laws as follows:—

**DONATION IN TRUST.**—“The Trustees may receive in trust from a proprietor any sum of money, the *income* of which shall be appropriated to the repair of his lot, according to the terms of trust expressed in the form provided.”

**PERPETUAL REPAIR, WITH GUARANTY.**—“The Trustees may also guarantee the *perpetual* repair of lots, upon the payment of such a sum as the Committee on Lots shall deem sufficient for that purpose, a form for which is also provided.”

“All such sums shall collectively constitute a separate fund, called the ‘Repair Fund,’ and shall be invested in the public debt of the United States, or in that of the State of Massachusetts, or in the debt of any of the counties, cities, or towns of this State, or in mortgages of real estate in any city or town in Massachusetts, or in the bonds or notes of such other corporations, which have earned and paid regular dividends for the two years next preceding such investment, as shall be deemed a proper and suitable investment by the Committee on Finance; or in such investments as are authorized by the State of Massachusetts for savings banks, provided:

“That no investment in excess of \$40,000 (par value) shall be made in any one security, and

“That the Committee on Finance shall report monthly to the President, to be laid before the Trustees at the next meeting, a list of all investments which shall have been made from this fund since the previous meeting.”

“Each lot in relation to which such a contract shall have been made shall be credited, in a book kept for the purpose, with the principal sum paid on account of said lot; and at the close of each year a

ratable proportion of the net income of the whole Repair Fund shall be carried to its credit, in conformity with the terms of said contracts."

RECONVEYANCE IN TRUST.—"A proprietor who shall have contracted with the corporation for the care and preservation of his lot forever, desiring to place the same in perpetual trust, for the purpose of restricting the right of burial, or for any other legitimate object, may, with the consent of the Committee on Lots, reconvey such lot to the corporation, to hold the same forever, for the uses and trusts expressed in his deed of reconveyance; reserving to himself, and to such as may be beneficiaries thereunder, the right of admission, and such supervision as may not be inconsistent with the rights which have vested in the corporation."

Annexed to the GUARANTEE CONTRACT is a report by the Superintendent, with drawings describing in detail the condition of the lot and structures thereon. The amount deposited is an *insurance* FOREVER, that the lot and its belongings shall always be maintained in the condition shown in the report which is made the basis of the contract.

To cover all the contingencies of the near and remote future, a sum is fixed, the income of which will be sufficient to provide for the care of the grass, including re-sodding, and the repair and renewal of such tomb, curb, monument, or headstone as may be shown in the Superintendent's report.

If any monuments or headstones are added subsequently to the contract, they can be covered in the same manner.

After a contract for perpetual repair, with *guaranty*, has been made, the lot may be reconveyed to the corporation *in trust*, naming in the deed the persons thereafter to be interred. The *title* to the lot being thus vested in the corporation, a *perfect security* is given that the wishes of the proprietor will be carried out.

Under the contract for DONATION IN TRUST, the *income* of any sum deposited is applied to the care and preservation of the lot.

The necessary forms for provision by will for the above are given on page 19 of this report.

## REGULATIONS GOVERNING CREMATIONS MADE AT THE CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

---

Before receiving a body for cremation, the Superintendent of the cemetery shall take an order, signed by the nearest relative of the deceased, or by whoever has the legal possession of the body.

If the death took place within the State of Massachusetts, Section 37, Chapter 78, Revised Laws, must be complied with, to wit:

The body of a deceased person shall not be cremated within forty-eight hours after his decease, unless death was caused by a contagious or infectious disease, and it shall not be received or cremated by any corporation organized under the provisions of Section 7 or the corresponding provisions of earlier laws, until its officers have received the certificate or burial permit required by law before burial, and a certificate from the medical examiner of the district within which the death occurred, that he has viewed the body and made personal inquiry into the cause and manner of death, and is of opinion that no further examination or judicial inquiry concerning the same is necessary.

Such other regulations as may hereafter be made by the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts, the State Board of Health, or the local Board of Health are to be complied with.

Bodies received from States in which district medical examiners are established by law are to be accompanied by a certificate from that officer, similar to that required in the State of Massachusetts. Bodies from other States to be accompanied by the usual permit and by a certificate signed by two physicians, graduates of a legally established medical school, setting forth the cause of death, with their opinion that the body may be cremated without further examination or judicial inquiry.

Incineration to begin at least two hours before sunset.

The average time needed for an incineration is one hour. The body is placed in the retort, enclosed in the casket as received at the

cemetery, the name-plate, etc., being first removed. Two hours after the incineration the ashes can be delivered to the family in a copper cylinder, terra-cotta urn or wooden casket, as they may select. If marble, bronze, or Wedgewood urns (with the name, age, etc., inscribed) are desired they can be provided at some additional cost.

The charge for the cremation of the body of an adult will be \$30 and that of a child under ten years of age \$20. If the ashes are interred in a lot in the Cemetery of Mt. Auburn, no charge will be made for the interment, unless a brick, or other special, grave is ordered.

Incinerations will not be made on Sunday, unless the cause of death is certified as contagious or infectious.

All the necessary blanks and any further information desired may be had on application to

J. C. SCORGIE,  
Superintendent Mount Auburn Cemetery,  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

### CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL TO BEQUEATH MONEY FOR "PERPETUAL REPAIR,  
WITH GUARANTY," OF LOT.

I hereby direct my executors to pay to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn such sum of money as may be found necessary to obtain from said corporation a contract for the perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, of my Lot, No. on the way called in said Cemetery.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL DIRECTING "RECONVEYANCE OF LOT TO CORPORATION IN TRUST."

*(Reconveyance is only accepted after a Contract for Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, has been made.)*

I hereby authorize and empower my executors to reconvey my Lot, No. , in trust, to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, in consideration of the Contract for Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, for the purpose of securing it as a burial place for myself and the following persons :

and no other interments to be allowed.

**PRICES FOR THE CARE OF LOTS.**  
 ADOPTED BY THE TRUSTEES.  
**FOR 1907.**

SIZE OF LOT.	CARE.	TOP-DRESSING DURING NOVEM- BER ONLY.	
100 square feet	\$1.50	\$1.00	Larger lots at special rates.
200 " "	2.00	1.50	Lots containing fractional
300 " "	3.00	2.00	parts of 100 feet will be
400 " "	4.00	2.50	charged the rate of the
500 " "	5.00	3.00	next larger size when that
600 " "	6.00	3.50	fraction exceeds 50 feet.
700 " "	7.00	4.00	
800 " "	8.00	4.50	

Proprietors are requested to mail their orders to the Superintendent, Cambridge.

For funeral services, a shelter tent to cover the lot will be provided at a moderate charge, when requested.

Estimates for grading and sodding, and repairs on lots, including cleaning Monuments and Headstones, will be furnished to proprietors on application, personally, or by letter, at the Superintendent's office, Cambridge.

Iron fences and granite copings removed without expense to proprietors, who will be credited with any excess over cost of removal.

Single-chamber tombs, with entrance above ground, will be removed, the lot regraded and the necessary re-interments made, without charge, except for boxes, brick graves, re-sodding, or corner posts, when required.

Orders for foundations for Monuments and Headstones should specify, either by diagram or accurate description, the exact location in the lot which is desired, and should be given *at least two weeks before wanted*.

## TO PROPRIETORS.

## INFORMATION.

The following statement is presented in answer to the question frequently asked in regard to the title to a lot when the proprietor dies.

By the original act of incorporation, lots are held as real estate. The proprietor can convey his lot, or devise it by will; but if he dies intestate it descends to his heirs-at-law, who are (Rev. Laws, Chap. 133, Sect. 1):—

1. Children, and issue of any deceased child.
2. If no issue, then his or her father and mother.
3. If no issue nor mother, then his or her father.
4. If no issue nor father, then his or her mother.
5. If no issue and no father or mother, then his or her brothers and sisters, and issue of any deceased brother or sister.
6. If no issue and no father, mother, brother or sister, and no issue of any deceased brother or sister, then next of kin.

A widow has, in common with the children of her deceased husband, the possession, care and control of his lot during her life; and, if he leaves no children, she has the sole possession, care and control of it during life. She has also a right of interment therein, of which she cannot be deprived except by her own release. (Rev. Laws, Chap. 78, Sects. 26, 28.) The same rights in a tomb or lot of his wife have now been given to a husband. (Rev. Laws, Chap. 78, Sect. 29.)

Title to lot  
held as real  
estate.

If proprietor  
dies intestate.

Heirs-at-law.

Rights of  
husband and  
widow in lot.

Provisions of will.

If a proprietor in his will makes no devise of the lot, it becomes a part of the residuary estate; or, if not devised and no bequest of the residue is made, it descends to the heirs-at-law.

Representative to be designated.

Rev. Laws, Chap. 78, Sect. 26, and Sect. 8 of the Charter of the corporation provide that if there be more than one devisee or heir-at-law, the Board of Trustees may designate which one shall represent the lot.

Representative no control over title.

This designation *does not affect the title*. The heirs-at-law or devisees are tenants in common, and no sale can be made unless all sign conveyance.

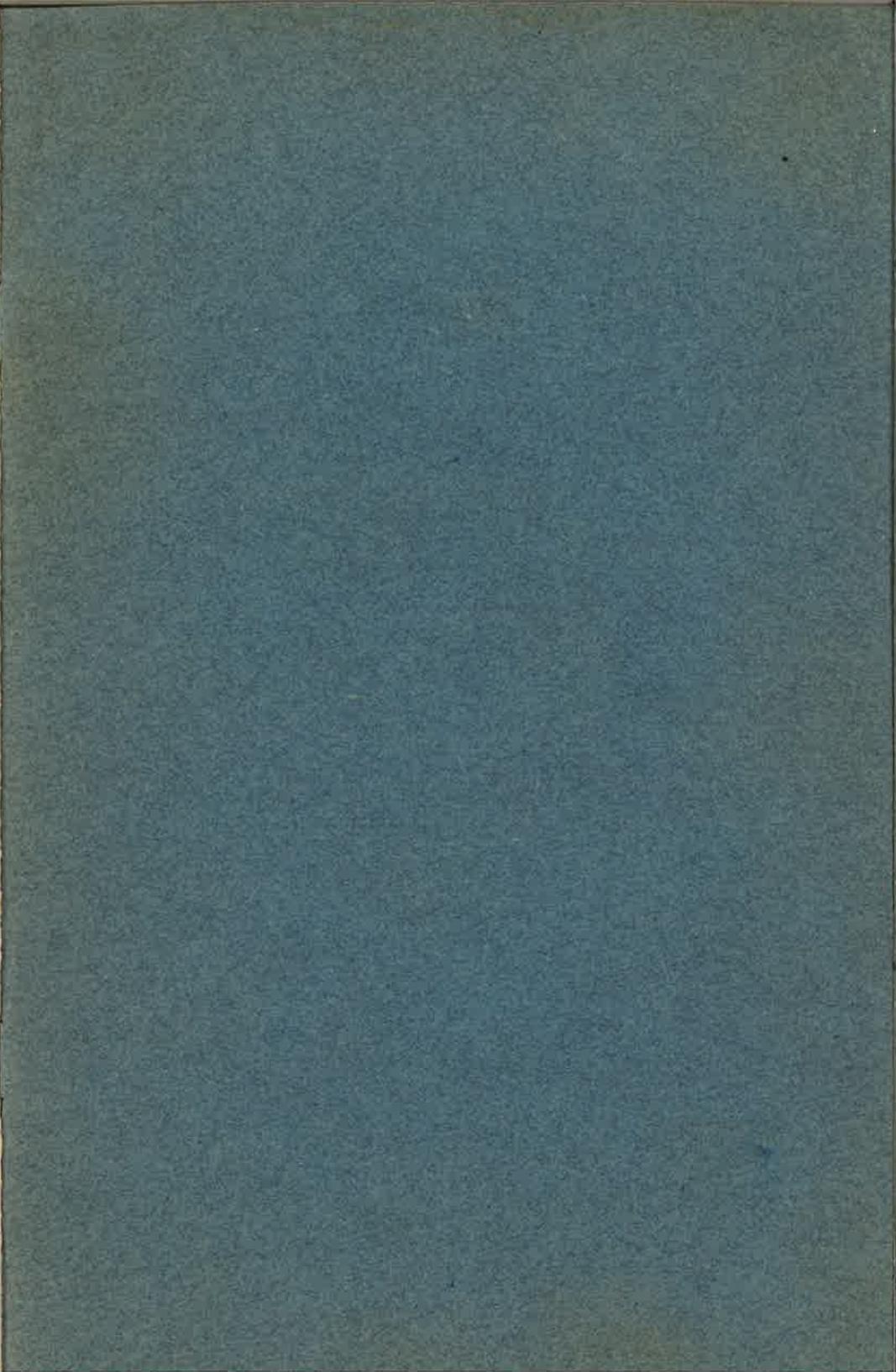
Petitions for representation. Importance of prompt return.

It is IMPORTANT that the petition for representation (furnished by the Secretary) should be PROMPTLY returned with the names and residences of the heirs, and signed by a *majority*; otherwise delays may occur at the cemetery in ascertaining whether the order for interment is properly signed.

Lots indivisible.  
No record of part ownership.

Lots are *indivisible* (Rev. Laws, Chap. 78, Sect. 26), and "no record of any person's interest in a lot, less than the entire ownership, shall be made on the books of the corporation." (Rules and Regulations, Art. VII.)

LEWIS G. FARMER,  
*Secretary.*



## Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

---

Office of the Corporation,  
199 Washington Street.

Boston, Jan. 24, 1907.

The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn will be held at the offices of the Corporation, Nos. 601, 602 and 603 Sears Building, Boston, on Monday, Feb. 4, 1907, at 2 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to hear the Annual Reports, choose Trustees, and transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

LEWIS G. FARMER, Secretary.